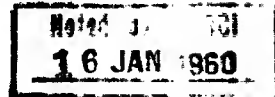


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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

DATE: January 8, 1960

SUBJECT: Anti-Semitic Incidents in West Germany

PARTICIPANTS: Mr. Robert Murphy, President, International
Division, Corning Glass Works, New York City.
Mr. Livingston T. Merchant, Under Secretary
for Political Affairs.

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Mr. Murphy told Mr. Merchant that he had just seen Mr. Julius Klein of Chicago, who is close to Chancellor Adenauer and who is a well-known public relations counsel in Chicago. He is on his way to Bonn. Mr. Klein had inquired of Mr. Murphy regarding the anti-Semitic incidents in West Germany and urged Mr. Murphy to write a personal letter to Mr. Adenauer expressing a view to the effect that this is obviously Communist inspired. When Mr. Murphy inquired whether this was the case, Mr. Merchant replied that, from what was known here from Hugh, there is fragmentary intelligence evidence that this is Communist organized. Red, however, seems to think that it is unlikely that the Communists were behind the incidents although they, it would appear, are playing some part in capitalizing on it. His preliminary estimate is that it is spradic, contagious, lunatic-fringe activity although, Mr. Merchant commented, he didn't entirely agree with this conclusion.

Mr. Murphy thanked Mr. Merchant for this information.

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